

### 1000 Hours of Adoration and Prayer – Tuesday 19th March 2024

Archbishop Eamon Martin has asked that 1000 Hours of Adoration and Prayer take place in the Dioceses of Armagh and Dromore, 12 hours in each parish, during Lent for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood through the Intercession of Bl. Carlo Acutis. St Peter's Parish Pastoral Council has chosen Tuesday 19th March, Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in this regard. This day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church and follows the suggested template of the Archdiocese. People are welcome to come at any stage of the twelve hours. The schedule with the leading group and priest / deacon is as follows:

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Mass followed by Rosary  
11.00am Parish First Communion Classes  
12.00 noon Parish Confirmation Classes  
1.00pm St Peter's Church Perpetual Adoration Group  
2.00pm Prayer for Vocations/ Life of Bl Carlo Acutis  
3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
4.00pm Stations of the Cross  
5.00pm Sacred Music  
6.00pm Angelus and Evening Prayer  
7.00pm Prayer for Youth, Exam students and Young Adults  
8.00pm Night Prayer with Benediction  
9.00pm

St Oliver Plunkett for Peace and Reconciliation  
Fr Eugene and Parish Pastoral Council  
St Joseph's CBS Primary and Fr Des  
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Deacon David

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society and Fr Eugene  
Legion of Mary and Fr Piotr  
Fr Aidan  
Glóir and Fr Des  
Noeleen, Barry and Deacon John  
God First, St Peter's Youth Group and Fr Piotr  
Neo-Catechumenal Way with Fr Eugene  
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**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG** seeking marriage preparation facilitators. ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of **Family Carers Ireland**, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

**Scoil Aonghusa** – Drogheda's Gaelscoil since 1981. Applications for new Junior Infant pupils for September 2024 are now available from Scoil Aonghusa or on our website [www.scoilaoonghusa.com](http://www.scoilaoonghusa.com). Completed application forms to be returned to Scoil Aonghusa, Sunday's Gate,

Drogheda A92 PY18. Contact details: 041 983 2531 [oifig.scoilaoonghusa@gmail.com](mailto:oifig.scoilaoonghusa@gmail.com)

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade

**Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.**  
**As of 29th February, 144 contributions have been made amounting to €41,495.**

Many thanks for your great generosity. The total cost of the project is €205,000 net, greatly depleting parish resources. Donations towards the project can still be made from those wishing and able to do so, and may be made as outlined in the letter with donation envelope at the back of the churches. Details are also included here: cheque made payable to St Peter's Parish - Our Lady of Lourdes Church Upgrade; cash; card through the parish website (General Parish Upkeep - Message – Our Lady of Lourdes Church Upgrade), or through either church sacristy in person or by telephone; electronic transfer: Acc St Peter's Parish Envelope Collection, 35805507 Bank: AIB, Drogheda, Bank Sort Code: 932094, IBAN: IE10 AIBK 9320 9435 8055 07 BIC: AIBKIE2D Reference: Donor's name, OLLC.

## St Peter's Parish Newsletter

St Oliver's Pastoral Area

### Third Sunday of Lent

3rd March 2024

Canon Eugene Sweeney PP	St Peter's Parochial House	041-9838537
Fr Aidan Murphy PE,AP	St Peter's Presbytery	041-9838239
Fr Cleophas Lunga, Priest in Residence		
Fr Desmond Branigan CC	Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery	041-9831899
Fr Piotr Wojtala CC		
Deacons David Durrigan & John Taaffe		
	St Peter's Church Sacristy	041-9845355
	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy	041-9831973
	Email office@sppd.ie	
	X@PetersDrogheda	

[www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie)



### Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross in Our Lady of Lourdes Church each Sunday during Lent at 5.00pm. Led by the priests and deacons of the Parish.

**Lent** is a special time of prayer, penance and almsgiving. Attendance at daily Mass, if possible, is commendable.

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### St Peter's Church Ceiling Repair

A small and localised area of the ceiling in the upper nave area of St Peter's Church is in need of repair. This requires scaffolding, necessitating part of the church to be cordoned off. St Peter's Church remains open as usual for all Masses and services. We hope that this work will be completed as speedily as possible. Apologies for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

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Copies of the **Irish Episcopal Conference Message regarding the Referenda on Friday 8th March** are available at the back of the churches. Please take one. The Message can also be accessed on [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie)

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**Eucharistic Adoration** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Peter's Church is as follows: Monday and Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the main body of the church. Hours of Adoration are Monday to Friday, 11.00am – 4.00pm, (Tuesday to 7.00pm).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday afternoon, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

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**Trócaire:** Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Trócaire Lenten



**Masses will be broadcast live by webcam**

### St Peter's Church

Monday to Friday: 8.30am & 10.30am  
Tuesday also St Anthony's Novena, 7.30pm  
Saturday 10.30am  
Vigil 6.15pm  
Sunday: 8.00am & 11.00am



### Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Monday to Saturday: 10.00am  
Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm  
Sunday: 9.00am, 10.30am & 12noon

### St Peter's Church Shop

Monday to Thursday 11.00am -2.00pm  
Friday 11.00am -3.00pm  
Saturday 11.00am - 6.00pm.  
Email office@sppd.ie

### The Barbican,

St Peter's Parish Centre  
041 980 7416

campaign this year takes inspiration from the prophet Amos who says: "Let justice flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (Amos 5:24). This Lent, we are called to join the river of justice and peace. Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the churches.

**All Masses are streamed live by webcam. [www.sppd.ie](http://www.sppd.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) (Drogheda).**

**God First St Peter's Youth Group** for teenagers 13-17 years old, meets on the first and third Friday of each month in the Family Room of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Come along to encounter God, make new friends and have fun.

**Confessions** are held as follows: St Peter's Church, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 12.30-1.00pm; Saturday evening in both churches 30 minutes before the Vigil Mass.

**Baptisms** Parents should please contact the sacristies to rearrange dates or to register.



**Our Lady of Lourdes Church** every Saturday at 5.00pm. Register at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, Thursday - Saturday, 9.30am - 12 noon. Tel 041 983 1973.

**St Peter's Church** every Sunday at 12.15pm. Register at St Peter's Church Sacristy, Monday - Saturday, 9.00am - 1.00pm. Tel 041 984 5355


**Anniversaries and Month's Minds** may be given in person or telephoned to St Peter's Church Sacristy, 041 984 5355, Monday - Saturday, 9.00am - 1.00pm or Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sacristy, 041 983 1973, Monday - Saturday, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Mass Stipend may be given via credit / debit card by telephone.

**St Vincent de Paul** (Freephone 1800 67 77 77) continues to be ready to help anyone in need.

**Samaritans** (supporting those in emotional distress 24/7) Freephone number 116 123.

**Aware** 1800 80 48 48. **Drogheda River Rescue Emergency** 089 250 5562.

**SVP church gate collection** this weekend 2nd -3rd March. Local needs are great at this time.

The **Parish Newsletter** is available at the back of the churches throughout the week. Also see church noticeboards, parish website and  Visit our Parish X / Twitter account @PetersDrogheda

**Pope Francis' intention for March:** For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

#### Baptisms

**We welcome** Lilly Abbey Leddy Sullivan *into the Christian community.*

#### Marriage

**We extend congratulations** to Peter Horner and Tina Allen *on their recent wedding.*

#### Deaths

**We pray for the recently deceased** Peter McDonnell, Chord Road, Anne Bradley, Boyne Hall formerly Laurence Street, Thomas Leslie, Scarlet Crescent, Tom Matthews, Andrew Murphy, Lily Doyle, Sr Mairead Gorman MMM, Oliver McKenna, Ian McDonnell, Gerard Garvey, Patsy Carroll, Miriam Murphy, Kathleen O'Reilly, Ronan Eustace, Brian Russell, Elaine Clarke. *May they rest in peace.*



#### Parish Collection for the weekend of 24th / 25th February 2024

Loose €1,228 Envelopes €1,350

Tap to Donate €457 **Total** €3,035

**Spring Dues:** The priests of the parish are grateful for your support and thank you for the Spring Dues which are being collected from now to St Patrick's weekend. Many thanks to our loyal Dues collectors. Dues envelopes also available in both churches.

**Webinar on Vocations – 5th March** Are you concerned about the decline in Vocations? What can I do to promote Vocations? What else can be done? The National Vocations Office, in collaboration with The Hook of Faith, is running an online (Zoom) Webinar, Tuesday 5th March 8.00 pm to 9.00pm. To register for this webinar simply email: [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com)

#### Evangelium Ireland – 16th March.

Evangelium Ireland will host its next Apologetics Conference for young Catholics at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Saturday 16th March. Talks & workshops include: The Gift of the Priesthood, Intro to the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger, Christian Marriage, Female Authors of the Catholic Revival, Christian Metaphysics, St Patrick. Mass will also be celebrated. Cost: €38 including lunch, refreshments and evening social. To view the full programme and to register visit [www.evangelium.ie](http://www.evangelium.ie) or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn and pray with other young Catholics!

**Light the Fire, Sunday 17th March, St Patrick's Day:** 5.00pm Vespers on the Hill of Slane and procession. 6.00pm mass in St Patrick's Church, Slane followed by Adoration. Let us carry the Light of Christ into the next generation. For further information contact The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal 041 983 0441 or [www.franciscansisterscfr/st-anthony](http://www.franciscansisterscfr/st-anthony)

**Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024** The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024, 12th - 17th May. The fare is €895 per person sharing (single room supplement €190, travel insurance €39, extra). The fare includes: flights to and from Lourdes, transfers to and from airport in Lourdes, full board, full pilgrimage programme, all airport taxes. For further details and bookings please contact Cora Muckian, 087 261 0026. Application forms available in both sacristies.

The **Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place this year on Sunday 26th May.

**St Oliver Pilgrimage to Germany 2024** visiting Lamspringe and Hildesheim, Friday 30th August – Tuesday 3rd September. Two nights will be spent in Lamspringe, participating in the annual St. Oliver procession and celebrations as well as two nights in the historic cathedral city of Hildesheim. After his martyrdom at Tyburn, St Oliver's body was interred in the large abbey church in Lamspringe where it remained for two hundred years. Parishioners have remained loyal to his memory over the centuries and a major relic of St Oliver is carried in procession through the streets of the town every year. St Oliver is a patron of the diocese of Hildesheim and the procession is supported by parishes across the diocese. Early booking price: Return flights Dublin – Hamburg, B&B in hotels, €499 sharing / €649 single. Places limited. Booking and further information 087 769 3477. We would be most grateful if those booking could do so within the next week. Thank you.

**Pilgrimage to Assisi and San Giovanni** departing 16th October 2024 for 7 nights. Visit Sts. Francis, Clare and Pio and Bl. Carlo Acutis with local Spiritual Director. The cost of €1,199 includes full board, flights to Rome and Naples, local guides and all transfers. Contact Paul Johnstone (086 828 1889) or Marian Pilgrimages (01 878 8159) for further details.

Anyone who wishes to receive the **Catholic Communications Office's** weekly five-story ezine, Sharing the Good News, can subscribe on the home page of [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie) Sharing the Good News offers five brief news reports on the life of the Church in Ireland.

**Drogheda Community Services** provide a one-to-one Bereavement Counselling Service at Dermot Kierans Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda. Counsellors are available during the day and evenings. This is a free service. To make an appointment please call 041 983 6084 or email [info@droghedacsc.net](mailto:info@droghedacsc.net)

**Support Group** for relatives and friends who support people with mental health difficulties takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Ardee Business Park, Hale Street, Ardee. The next meeting is on Wednesday 6th March 2024. **Speaker Andrew Atkinson** (Occupational Therapist) will be present to discuss The Role of OT in Mental Health.